

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the modernisation and expansion of other refineries under consideration to bridge the demand-supply of petroleum products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) The 3 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) refinery capacity expansion-cum-modernisation project of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd. at Manali, Chennai has been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 2360.38 crores, including foreign exchange component of Rs. 333.82 crores, and the project is to be completed within 36 months, i.e. by July, 2003.

(c) The expansion of existing refineries which were identified for completion during the 9th plan are given in statement.

Statement

Capacity expansion of Refineries identified for completion in the Ninth Plan

Refinery Expansion Projects

(A) Public Sector Unit (PSU) Refinery Expansion Projects

	Capacity (in million metric tonnes per annum) (MMTPA)
1. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., (IOC) Barauni, Expansion (Ph-I)	0.90
2. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL) Visakh Expansion	3.00
3. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., (IOC), Koyali Expansion	3.00
4. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., (IOC), Mathura	0.50

(B) Joint Venture Refinery Expansion Projects

1. Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd. (MRPL), Mangalore	6.00
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Sale of subsidised Diesel in open market

3029. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Oil Companies are issuing diesel at subsidised rates which is being sold in the open market thereby causing revenue loss to Government;

(b) if so, the details of modus operandi followed alongwith the details of cases that have come to light in the last three years;

(c) the amount of revenue lost by the State; and

(d) what measures Government propose to take to deal with situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (d) Some customers who were obtaining petroleum products on concessional sales tax basis are alleged to have been diverting these products for the purpose other than the intended use thereby evading sales tax. Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered a case in the matter on 23rd May, 2000 at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Estimated demand for Cooking Gas

3030. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present estimated demand for cooking gas vis-a-vis gas connections provided as per latest review, state-wise;

(b) the estimated number of gas connections to be provided during the current year with State- wise break-up in general and in detail for Maharashtra;

(c) whether Government are providing gas connection on priority basis in rural areas and in tribal areas in Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the details of marketing action plan for Maharashtra for the current year with location, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) The total number of waiting list registered with LPG distributors of the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies in the country as on 1.12.1999 was about 93 lakhs. The State-wise details of the waiting list is given in the statement (*See below*).

Government have a plan to release 1 crore LPG (domestic) connections during the calendar year 2000 which will liquidate the waiting list in all the States as on 1.12.1999 including Maharashtra.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.